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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG VISIT TO HAITI: L'AFFAIRE DIETERICH

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 2938

1. SUMMARY. IN RESPONSE TO ADVICE AUGUST 13 FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG PARTY THAT HIS VISIT TO HAITI WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED IF GOH DID NOT PERMIT JOURNALIST BERNARD DIETERICH TO ENTER WITH REST OF YOUNG PARTY, AMBASSADOR JONES HELD URGENT MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY BRUTUS AND INTERIOR MINISTER JEANTY. THE MINISTERS ARGUED STRONGLY AGAINST ADMITTING PERSON ALREADY LEGALLY EXPELLED FROM COUNTRY AS ENEMY OF HAITI BUT ULTIMATELY CONSENTED TO VISIT OF ENTIRE PARTY AS GESTURE OF SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP FOR U.S. AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG. FAVORABLE GOH DECISION CONSTITUTES VERY MAJOR CONCESSION IN INTERESTS OF US-HAITIAN RELATIONSHIP. END SUMMARY.

2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING INFORMED BY TELECON 13 AUGUST THAT YOUNG PARTY CONSIDERED GOH DECISION REFTEL TO DENY ENTRY TO BERNARD DIETERICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE VISIT TO HAITI OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND PARTY, AMBASSADOR AND DCM MET WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY BRUTUS AND INTERIOR MINISTER JEANTY.

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3. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED TO BRUTUS IMPORTANCE YOUNG PARTY ATTACHED TO TRAVELING AS AN INTEGRAL GROUP WITH ACCOMPANYING PRESS, AND THE DIFFICULTIES THAT COULD ARISE SHOULD MR. DIETERICH, AS TIME REPRESENTATIVE, BE EXCLUDED FROM THE YOUNG PARTY. BRUTUS SAID HE REGRETTEED THAT IMPORTANT VISIT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG SHOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH DIETERICH. BECAUSE OF GRAVITY OF MATTER HE HAD

INVITED INTERIOR MINISTER JEANTY TO PARTICIPATE. FACT OF MATTER IS, SAID BRUTUS, THAT DIETERICH IS AN ENEMY OF HAITI, WHO HAD INSULTED DR. DUVALIER, BEEN EXPELLED BY HAITIAN JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT PRESIDENT HIMSELF HAD DECIDED DIETERICH SHOULD NOT COME. THAT DIETERICH WOULD PERMIT HIMSELF TO BE PROPOSED FOR HAITI TRIP WHEN HE HAD BEEN REJECTED NUMEROUS TIMES, MOST RECENTLY BY BRUTUS HIMSELF IN GRENADA, CONFIRMED HIS LACK OF CHARACTER.

4. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT GOH CONCENTRATE INSTEAD ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND PARTY; DIETERICH WOULD SIMPLY BECOME ANONYMOUS MEMBER OF PARTY. BRUTUS SAID THAT WOULD BE TO IGNORE THEIR LAW. JEANTY STRONGLY REAFFIRMED LEGAL NATURE OF DIETERICH'S EXPULSION AND ADVANCED THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF ANY STATE TO EXPEL UNDESIRABLES. BRUTUS AND JEANTY THEN REFERRED TO HAITI'S HISTORY, ITS PRIDE AND PATRIOTISM, THE TENDENCY OF U.S. TO BE OVERBEARING AND ASKED IF THIS WERE AN ULTIMATUM. WE DID NOT, THEY SAID, UNDERSTAND WEIGHT OF SACRIFICE WE WERE ASKING.

5. AMBASSADOR ACKNOWLEDGED EXTENT OF CONCESSION BEING SOUGHT BUT POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE THAT BOTH COUNTRIES ATTACHED TO THE YOUNG VISIT. HE STRESSED WE WERE NOT ISSUING ANY SORT OF ULTIMATUM. THE AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD BE AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO HAITI, AND TO TALK WITH ITS LEADERS. IN INTEREST OF HIS VISIT, AND U.S.-HAITIAN FRIENDSHIP, HE SUGGESTED GOH IGNORE DIETERICH'S PARTICIPATION. AS THIS THEME BEGAN TO TAKE HOLD, AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDED THAT IN

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VIEW OF PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL FEELINGS ON THE MATTER THAT ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AT THE PALACE (ARRANGED FOR ENTIRE YOUNG PARTY TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT) BE CANCELED, AND THAT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BE RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S OFFICIAL PARTY.

6. BRUTUS FINALLY CONCLUDED THAT DIETERICH COULD BE ADMITTED TO HAITI AS MEMBER OF YOUNG PARTY BECAUSE YOUNG WAS AN AMBASSADOR OF THE U.S., A FRIEND AND A FELLOW BLACK. BRUTUS AND JEANTY THEREUPON CALLED DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT, AND RECEIVED PRESIDENT'S AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT ENTIRE PRESS PARTY TO ENTER HAITI WITHIN THE CONTEXT, AS THEY STRESSED TO PRESIDENT, OF GREAT FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN U.S.-AND HAITI.

7. COMMENT: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO HAITI IS TOO IMPORTANT FOR GOH TO RISK ABORTING IT. NEVERTHELESS GOH HAS HAD TO SWALLOW CONSIDERABLE, DEEPLY FELT PRIDE AND IT WAS ONLY AFTER CAREFUL PERSUASSION THAT THEY FINALLY AGREED. THEREFORE, DECISION TO ALLOW DIETERICH TO PARTICIPATE REPRESENTS VERY MAJOR CONCESSION BY GOH TO U.S. HAITIANS ARE CONVINCED, AND WE TEND TO AGREE, THAT DIETERICH WAS USING YOUNG VISIT TO FORCE GOH TO BACKDOWN ON ITS PREVIOUS RULING AGAINST HIS ENTRY.

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